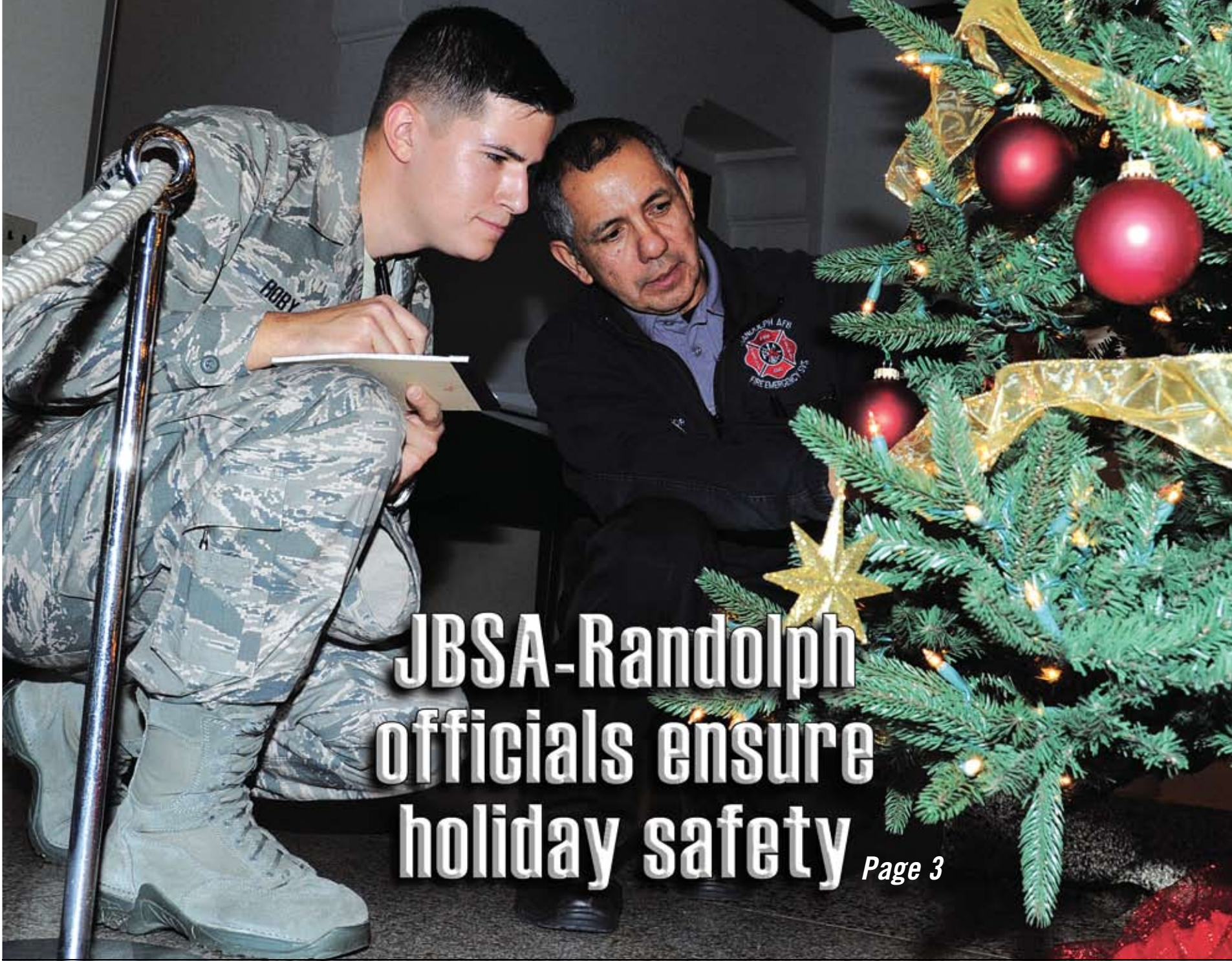




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## COMMENTARY

# Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Why is Dec. 7 important?

By retired Chief Master Sgt. Scott Hubbartt  
U.S. Air Force

The Thanksgiving turkey has been eaten, football games have been watched, Black Friday is past and the numbers are in. How well did the merchants do? Talking heads will tell us. Christmas is just around the corner. It's a busy time for us all. What to do for New Year's Eve?

We have so much to consider – so much to worry about. So, when someone mentions Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – it is only natural to wonder, "What's the point?"

If you are older than 18, you no doubt remember Sept. 11, 2001. Well, for most of us over 30, Dec. 7, 1941 is our Sept. 11. While we probably did not live through that infamous day, we grew up hearing of it and of how it changed our nation – and indeed, the entire world.

In contemporary history, no other date has been more indelibly engraved in the American psyche.

The Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, changed everything. It led us into a global conflict – a contest between

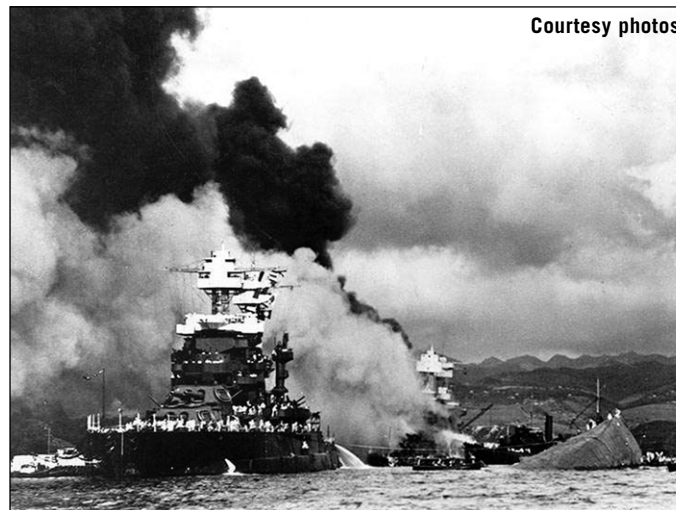


good and evil in which about 60 million people died. Our nation, and the world, was never the same again.

While the numbers of casualties are different than those on Sept. 11, it has had the same effect on our everyday lives. We need to learn for our history. Yes, OUR history.



A survivor is rescued near the USS West Virginia during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.



The USS Maryland and the capsized USS Oklahoma during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Courtesy photos

## ON THE COVER

Staff Sgt. Allen Roby and Jesus Lopez, 902nd Civil Engineer Fire Department inspectors, perform a safety inspection on the holiday tree in the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Taj Mahal. For the complete story on holiday safety, see page 3.  
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# Fire officials offer advice to keep holiday season safe

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs



Brightly colored lights, flickering candles and festive Christmas trees greatly contribute to the ambience of the holiday season.

However, accidents involving them result in more than 400 home fires and more than 20 deaths each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph fire officials said following a few simple tips can keep the holidays safe.

Lighting safety begins with Christmas trees, which account for most of the fires during the holiday season, James Smith, JBSA-Randolph Fire Emergency Services fire protection services inspector, said. Keeping a natural tree watered is an important consideration.

"Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires," he said. "Well-watered trees are not a problem; a dry and neglected tree can be."

Smith also advised choosing a fresh tree, which should have green needles that do not break, as well as a trunk that is sticky to the touch; not placing the tree close to a heat source; keeping the tree stand filled with water at all times; and discarding

the tree when it becomes dry by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away.

An alternative to a live tree is a fire-resistant, nonmetallic artificial tree.

Maintaining holiday lights is another important safety measure because worn strands are fire hazards, Smith said.

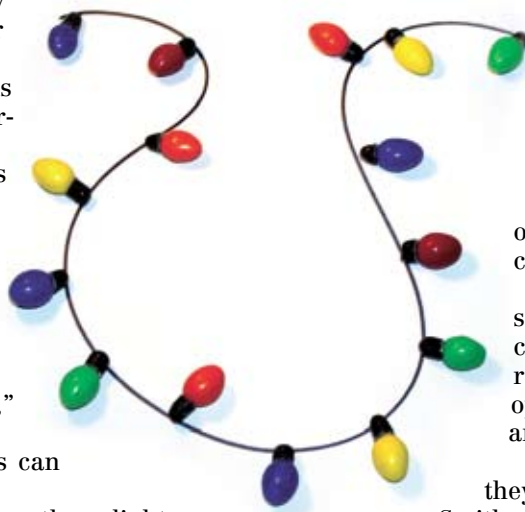
"You should inspect your lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive kinking," he said.

Overloading electrical outlets can also cause fires, Smith said.

"You should not link more than three light strands, unless the directions say it is safe," he said. "Strings of lights should be connected to an extension cord before the cord is plugged into an outlet."

It's also important to use nonflammable or flame-retardant decorations, Smith said.

Candles are another prevalent safety hazard during the holidays, Cody Fein, JBSA-Randolph Fire Emergency Services assistant chief, said.



"December is the peak time of year for home candle fires," she said. "In December, 11 percent of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4 percent the rest of the year."

Fein recommended the use of battery-operated flameless candles.

"They look and smell real," she said. "Flameless candles can give you safety and decoration without the hazards of open flames around children and surrounding materials."

When real candles are used, they should be handled with care, Smith added.

"If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down," he said. "In addition, never leave the house with candles burning and never place lighted candles on a tree."

Smith's overall message for fire safety during the holidays is to stay vigilant and use good common sense.

"If it seems unsafe, it probably is," he said.



## NEWS

# Daughters of American Revolution honor JBSA-Randolph Airmen

By Dona Fair  
12th Flying Wing Public Affairs

*(Editor's note: for security reasons, some personnel are referred to by their first names.)*

Four 12th Flying Training Wing members were recently honored at the Daughters of the American Revolution's Instructor Pilot and Aviators of the Year Awards ceremony, here.

Capt. Jay Park, 435th Fighter Training Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Judd, 558th Flying Training Squadron, both of Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph; Capt. Brian Thalhofer, 455th Flying Training Squadron, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.; and Tech. Sgt. William C. Howell, 98th Flying Training Squadron, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo. received this year's awards.

"Much has transpired in the past year for our military, but one thing that remains constant is the DAR's loyal and faithful support to our nation and military," said Col. Gerald Goodfellow, 12th Flying Training Wing commander.

The Instructor Navigator and Combat Systems Officer of the Year Award was presented to Park. A native of Moore, Okla., Park earned a degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Oklahoma.

He has accrued more than 300 combat hours by flying the T-6, T-1, T-38 and F-15E and has deployed to Afghanistan and Djibouti.

"As one of only three instructor combat system officers, I find that my biggest challenge, but reward, is teaching and mentoring the combat system officers to become the weapons system officers the Strike Eagle community needs," Park said. "I'm proud to have been associated with people like the DAR in this small way and I thank my leadership during these times in supporting this award."

The Instructor Pilot of the Year



Photos by Rich McFadden

Center photo: Col. Gerald Goodfellow (left), 12th Flying Training Wing commander, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, and Susan Green Tillman (center right), State Recording Secretary of Texas, Daughters of the American Revolution, present Staff Sgt. Judd with the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Instructor of the Year Award. Inset left: Capt. Jay H. Park received the Instructor Navigator/Combat Systems Officer of the Year Award. Inset right: Capt. Brian Thalhofer received the Instructor Pilot of the Year Award.

Award was presented to Thalhofer. Hailing from Portland, Ore., Thalhofer attended Washington State University where he received a degree in criminal justice before joining the Air Force.

"My job is busy, but endlessly rewarding whenever a student finally has that moment where the light bulb turns on," Thalhofer said. "You can literally see that instant where they finally truly understand something they have been struggling with. The other instructor pilots and I live for those moments."

Receiving the Non-Powered Flight Instructor of the Year Award was Howell, a native of Fayette, Ala.

Wanting to share his passion and give back to the skydiving community, he became a jump instructor for the Air Force Academy Airmanship Pro-

gram. Howell said, "being a part of the cadets' growth from their first jump to winning medals at the U.S. Skydiving Nationals (competition) is extremely rewarding, but the best part is helping shape their character and leadership as they work toward becoming officers in the Air Force."

The final award, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Instructor of the Year, was awarded to Judd, who he holds three associate degrees from the Community College of the Air Force; in applied science in intelligence studies, air and space operations technology and an instructor of technology in military science.

Judd has flown the MQ-18 and the MQ-9A totaling more than 1,880 hours.

"I am incredibly happy to see that RPA aviation now has a category, giv-

ing a new breed of aviators a chance at recognition. We are only going to grow and evolve over time and I applaud the DAR for recognizing the importance of this new era in flight," said Judd. "Being the first enlisted member to be recognized in this way is a monumental honor and I hope to maintain the standard of excellence associated with this award."

According to the DAR website, the national society is a compilation of female descendants of any ancestor who with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of independence as a recognized patriot, as soldier or sailor, or as a civil officer in one of the several colonies or states. Since 1957, the Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has honored the 12th Flying Training Wing's Instructor Pilot of the Year.

# JBSA-Randolph kicks off Operation Warmheart holiday campaign

By Robert Goetz

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

A fundraising campaign that kicked off this week is giving members of the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph community an opportunity to open their hearts during the holiday season.

The campaign, which began Monday, is the primary fundraiser for Operation Warmheart, a nonprofit organization managed by the JBSA-Randolph First Sergeants' Council, that provides grants and interest-free loans for members who are in need.

"It's a fund the first sergeants use to help Airmen at JBSA-Randolph," Master Sgt. Jason Hill, First Sergeants' Council president, said. "Our motto is Airmen helping Airmen. There are a lot of agencies that help Airmen, but there are also times when they aren't able to help, so we help fill that void."

JBSA-Randolph first sergeants and other volunteers are accepting donations at the commissary and exchange through Dec. 20.



Photo by Joel Martinez

Master Sgt. Joe Davis makes a donation to Operation Warmheart Monday at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

In addition to collecting donations for Operation Warmheart during the holiday season, first sergeants provide families with gift cards so they can better enjoy the holidays, Hill

said. During the 2011 campaign, donations provided more than \$1,000 in food baskets and more than \$14,000 in food vouchers and emergency funds for more than 300 families.

"We provide the needy families with gift cards to the commissary or local grocery stores," he said. "We will help a couple hundred families during the holiday period alone."

Operation Warmheart assists Airmen and their families, as well as other members of the JBSA-Randolph community, throughout the year, Hill said. Donations are accepted year-round as well.

"During the year, people can call us and ask to make a donation," he said.

Members can request funding through Operation Warmheart by contacting their first sergeant, Hill said.

"We will look at the requests and see if we can assist," he said. "There may be other avenues to pursue, such as the Air Force Aid Society. But if other agencies won't cover the need, we can provide assistance."

Operation Warmheart helps people with a range of needs.

One example was a single mother – a staff sergeant – whose car needed repairs, Hill said.

"The serpentine belt had fallen off and the brakes were worn to the rotors, so she had no choice but to get it repaired," he said. "She requested \$533.12 to get her car out of the shop."

Another staff sergeant – a single father of a small baby – requested \$500 so he could travel with his son to see his severely ill father, Hill said.

"The money would be used for gas, food and lodging for the trip," he said. "Under normal circumstances he could drive straight through, but not with a small child."

Other examples of people supported by the fund include rehabilitating wounded warriors, a family that lost everything in a fire and an Airman who was reunited with this family after an 18-month separation.

Operation Warmheart is an example of the role first sergeants play at Air Force installations worldwide.

"It's what we do as first sergeants," Hill said. "Our mission is people."

# Air Force Band of the West spreads holiday cheer

By Senior Airman Lynsie Nichols

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Public Affairs

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in a band?

Members of the United States Air Force Band of the West get to experience that opportunity every day.

The Band of the West is a musical organization composed of Airmen who dedicate themselves to serving their country through music.

“Our performances are one way for us to give back and say thanks to our fellow Airmen, joint service members and their families for their daily sacrifices in serving our nation and this installation,” said Capt. Joseph Hansen, Band of the West deputy commander.

The band is stationed at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland and, according to their busy schedule, travel more than 125,000 miles annually providing 300 performances to military and civilian audiences throughout the Gulf Coast region

from Texas to Florida.

A normal day consists of rehearsals and other duties for band members, but there is a lot more work involved with being in the band than one might think.

“We run our own supply, operations, publicity, marketing, transportation and uniform shop,” said Master Sgt. John Rider, Band of the West concert band NCO in charge. “All of our activities are directly related to our ability to carry out our missions.”

Not only does the band handle their own transportation and marketing, but they also spend six to eight hours setting up the stage, adjusting the audio and rehearsing before a show.

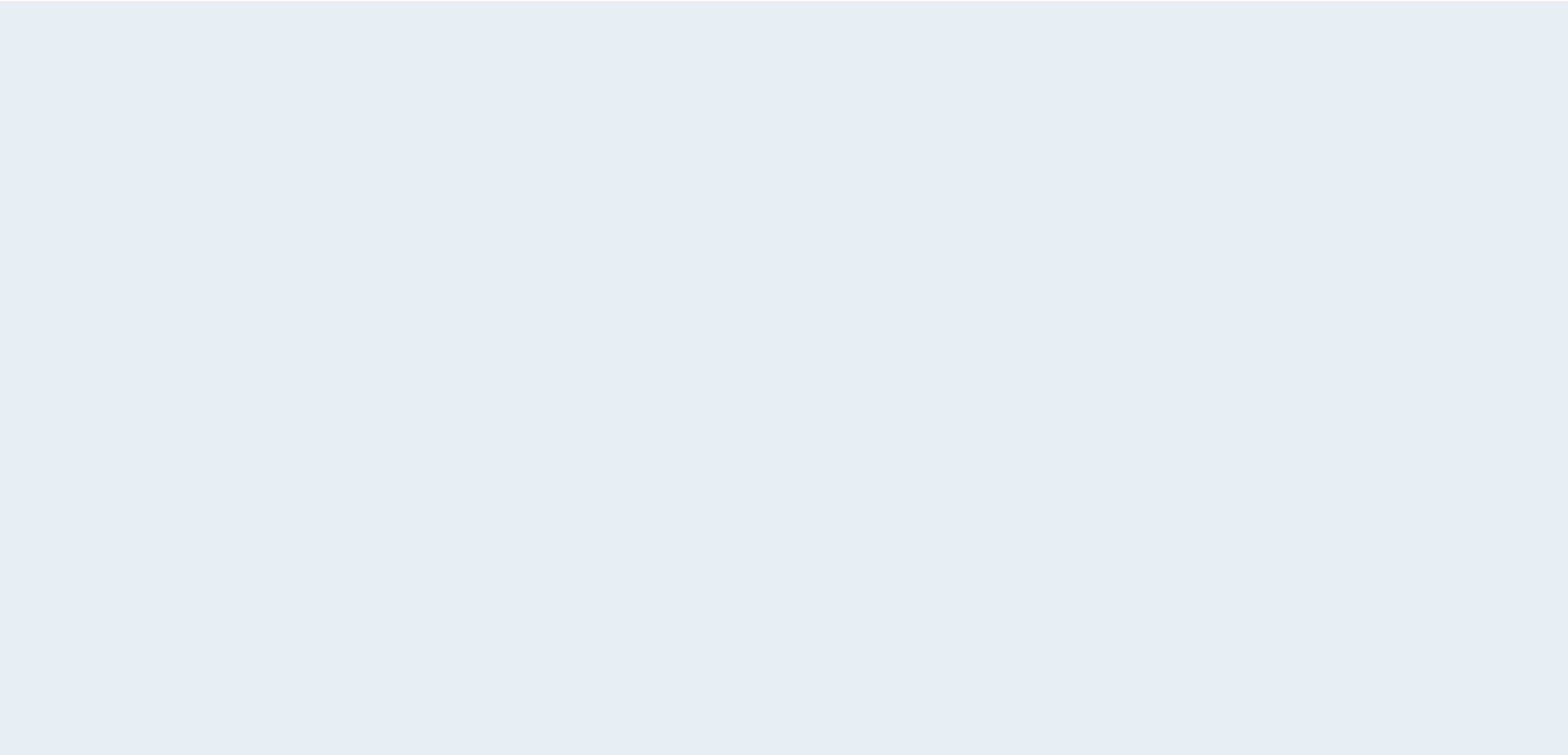
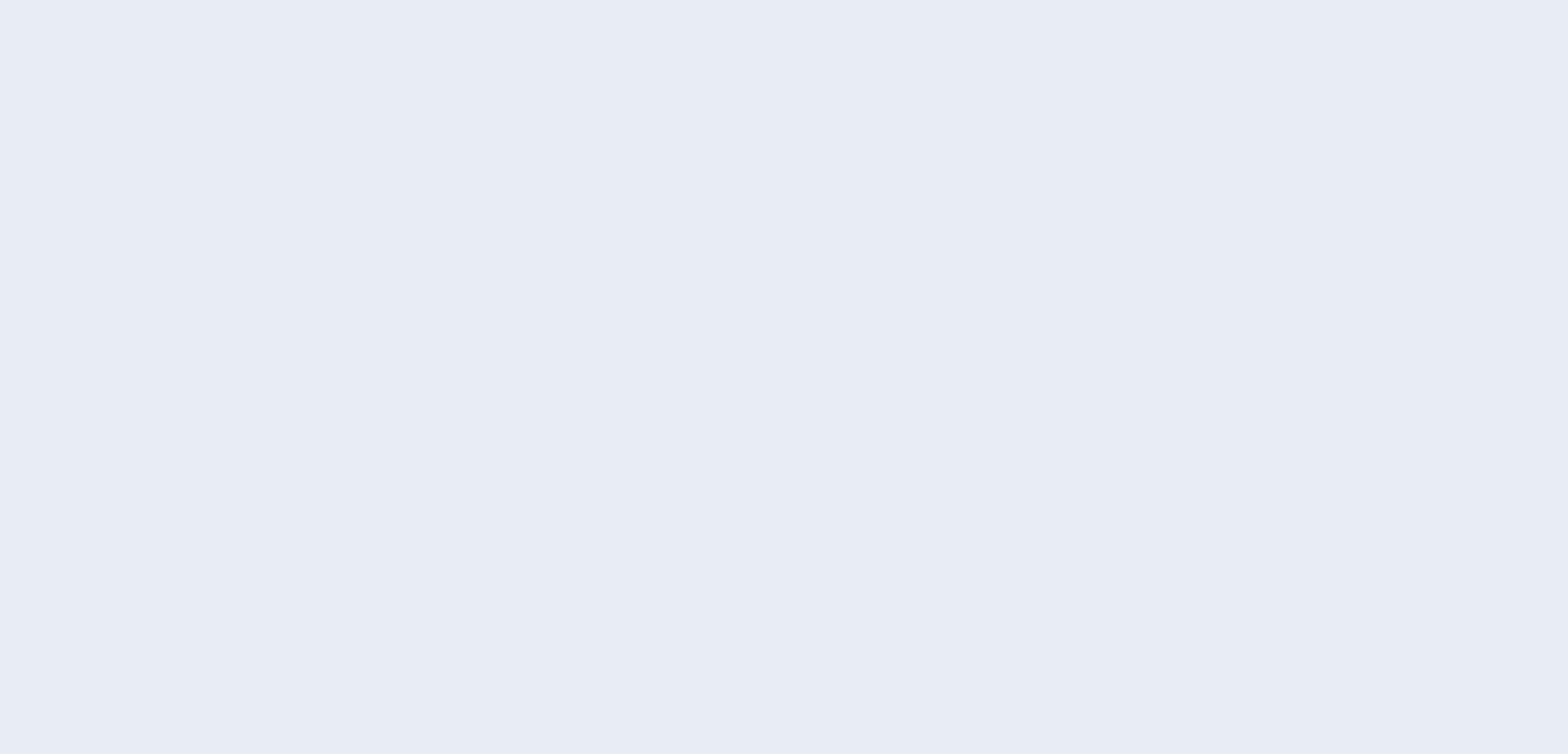
“The audience often sees us for about 90 minutes, but for us it’s near the end of a long day,” said Rider. “We succeed when the audience only knows they got a great, high energy show from talented (and) dedicated individuals.”

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**Photo by Benjamin Faske**

Airman 1st Class Mark Wheeler, Band of the West percussionist, rehearses for the upcoming Holiday in Blue concert, scheduled for Dec. 15 and 17 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Tickets are available at all three JBSA Information, Tickets and Tours locations.





# 45 AFSCs removed from SRB list as AF gets leaner, smaller

By Debbie Gildea  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

Forty-five AFSCs are no longer eligible for the selective reenlistment bonus effective Thursday with the advent of the new selective reenlistment bonus list, Air Force officials announced Nov. 26.

SRB eligibility changes posture the Air Force for a smaller force driven by sequestration, said Brig. Gen. Gina Grosso, the Air Force director of force management policy.

“The SRB program is a retention tool," Grosso said. "As the force gets smaller, skills that were under-manned are no longer short and we are adjusting the bonus program accordingly.”

Critical and emerging career fields with high operations demands and low manning – such as battlefield Airmen and cyberspace specialties – still require attention, the general said, so some AFSCs will remain on the SRB list.

As of Thursday, AFSCs on the SRB list include the following:

- 1A8X1 Airborne Cryptologic Language Analyst
- 1A8X2 Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operator
- 1B4X1 Cyberspace Defense Operations
- 1C2X1 Combat Control
- 1C4X1 Tactical Air Control Party

- 1N4X1A Fusion Analyst, Digital Network Analyst
- 1T0X1 Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape
- 1T2X1 Pararescue
- 1W0X2 Special Operations Weather
- 3E8X1 Explosive Ordnance Disposal

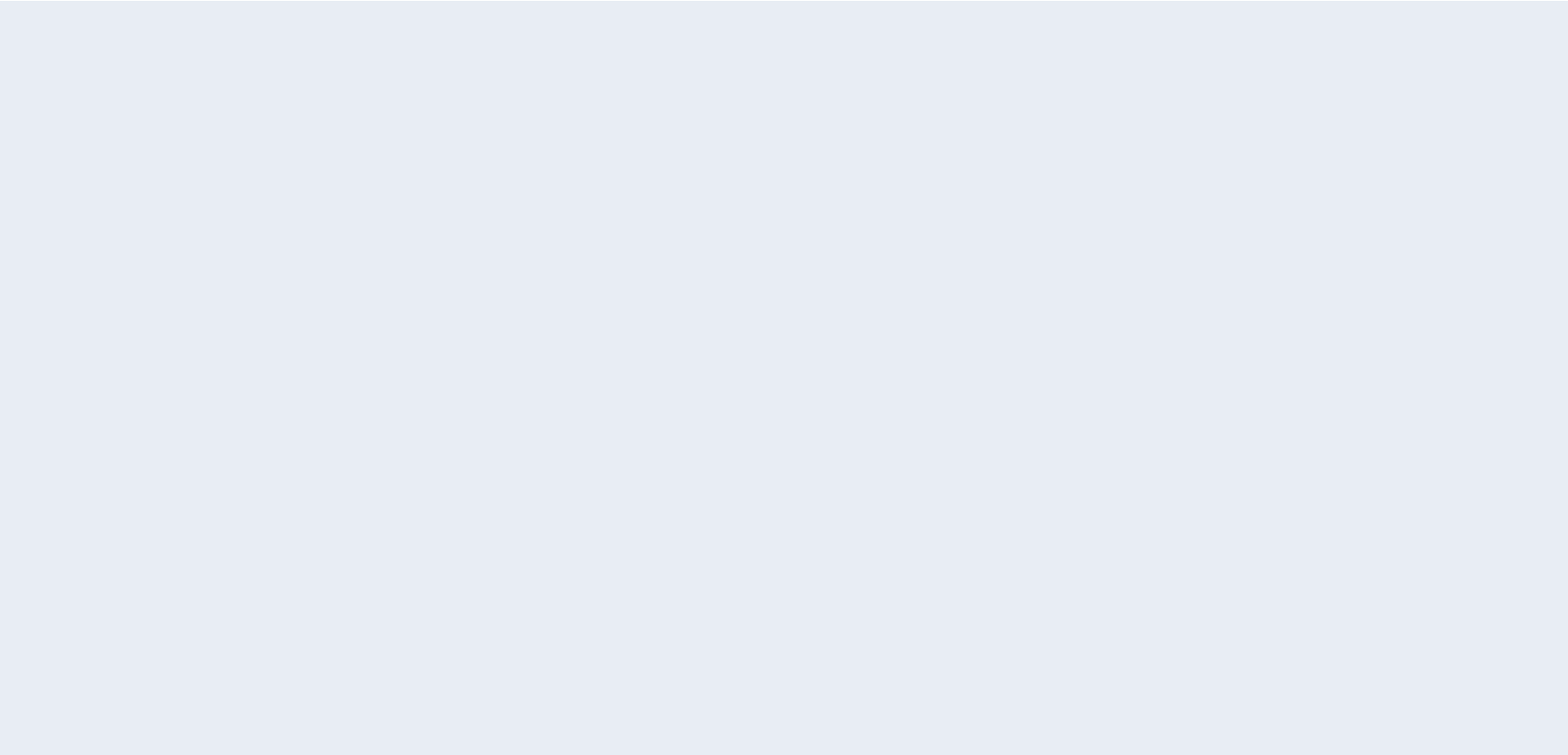
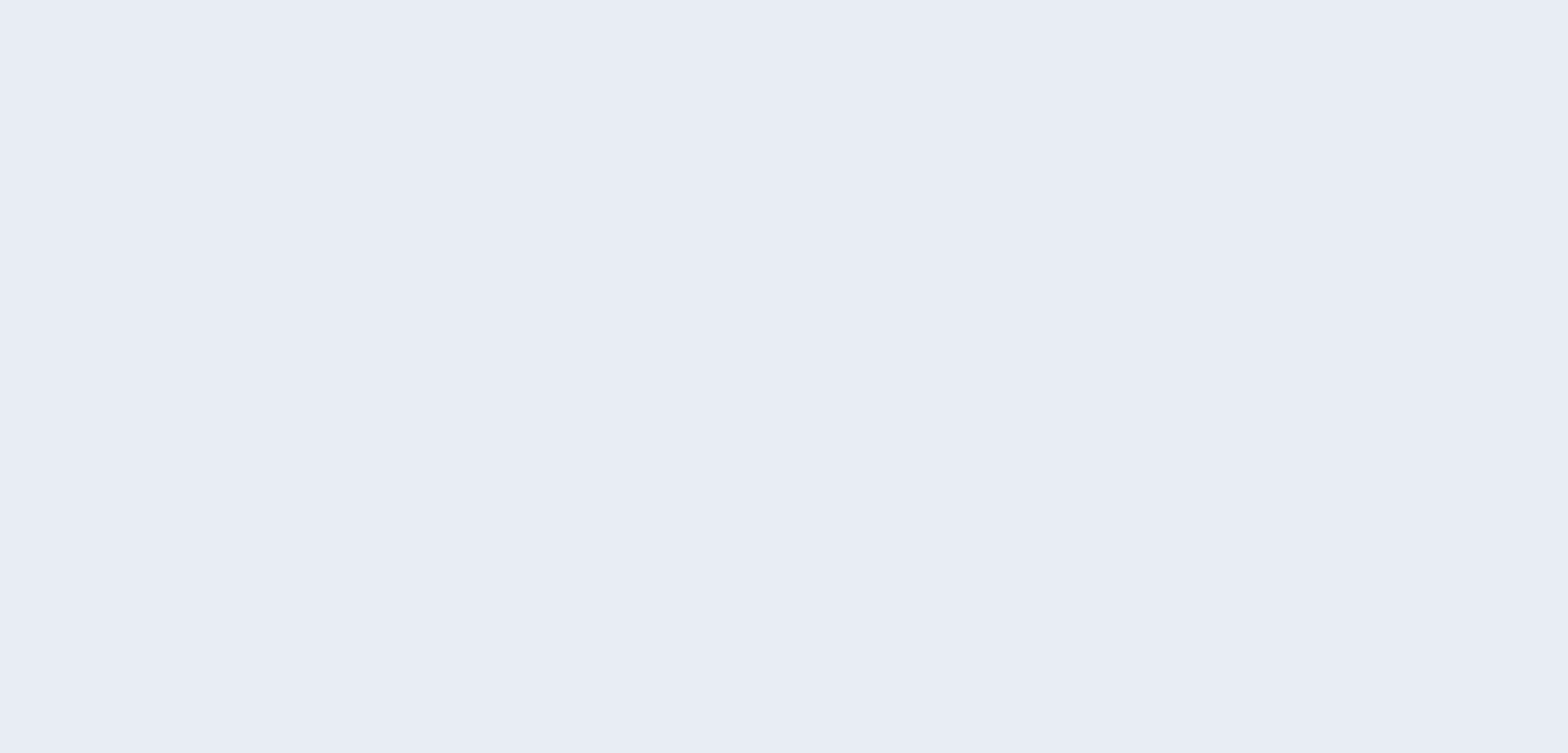
AFSCs being removed from the SRB list include the following:

- 1A0X1 In-Flight Refueling
- 1A2X1 Aircraft Loadmaster
- 1C1X1 Air Traffic Control
- 1C3X1 Command Post
- 1C5X1 Command and Control Battle Management Operations
- 1C5X1D Command and Control Battle Management Operations – Weapons Director
- 1C6X1 Space Systems Operations
- 1C7X1 Airfield Management
- 1N0X1 Operations Intelligence
- 1N1X1A Geospatial Intelligence Analyst
- 1N1X1B Geospatial Intelligence Targeteer
- 1N3X1 Cryptologic Language Analyst
- 1N4X1B Fusion Analyst – Analysis and Production
- 1U0X1 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Sensor Operator
- 1W0X1 Weather
- 2A5X2B Helicopter/Tiltrotor Aircraft Maintenance (H-60)
- 2A5X2D Helicopter/Tiltrotor Aircraft Maintenance (CV-22)

- 2A7X1 Aircraft Metals Technology
- 2A7X3 Aircraft Structural Maintenance
- 2A7X5 Low Observable Aircraft Structural Maintenance
- 2M0X1 Missile and Space System Electrical Maintenance
- 2M0X2 Missile and Space System Maintenance
- 2M0X3 Missile and Space Facilities
- 2T3X2A Special Vehicle Maintenance – Fire Fighting Vehicles
- 2T3X7 Vehicle Management & Analysis
- 3D0X2 Cyber Systems Operations
- 3D0X3 Cyber Surety
- 3D0X4 Computer Systems Programming
- 3E2X1 Pavements and Construction Equipment
- 3E3X1 Structural
- 3E4X1 Water and Fuel System Maintenance
- 3E5X1 Engineering
- 3N0X2 Broadcast Journalist
- 3N0X5 Photojournalist
- 3P0X1A Security Forces Military Working Dog Handler
- 3S3X3 Manpower
- 4C0X1 Mental Health Service
- 4E0X1 Public Health
- 4H0X1 Cardiopulmonary Laboratory

See SRB LIST P12





# Qualification requires pepper spray training

Photos by Airman 1st Class Krystal Ardrey

Airman Jonathan Eberle, 802nd Security Forces Squadron entry controller, is sprayed with oleoresin capsicum pepper spray. Allen trained in using electrical weapons and oleoresin capsicum pepper spray to remain qualified to carry while on duty.

Tech. Sgt. James Dixon, 802nd Security Forces Squadron training NCO in charge, sprays Airman 1st Class Marcus Allen, 802nd SFS entry controller, with pepper spray on JBSA-Lackland Nov. 13.

Airman 1st Class Mikel Mayo, 802nd Security Squadron entry controller, practices forcing an Airman backwards after being sprayed with pepper spray. Security Forces members are required to complete a series of tasks after being exposed to oleoresin capsicum pepper spray to receive their qualification.





# Spouses' club showcases vintage women's uniforms

By Alex Salinas

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club honored military women of yesteryear during their "November to Remember" function, where members of the club modeled female uniforms from the Army Air Corps era and other vintage pieces in fashion Nov. 21 at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club.

Ten unique uniforms actually worn by active-duty women from World War II to the 1980s were displayed – three of them were on mannequins and the rest on people.

The garb and other items showcased, including a 1950s Air Force-issued sewing kit and purse, belonged to guest speaker David Shultz, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and Texas Air Museum curator.

"I started collecting military uniforms when I was a second lieutenant in 1978," Shultz said. "For us kids who grew up in military housing at a time when most of our fathers had been in combat, they were our heroes. That generation inspired what I'm doing today, which I call a passion for remembrance."

Shultz, who owns more than 100 uniforms, said he unintentionally be-



Photo by Joel Martinez

From left: Andrea Gindhart, Kim Kublie, Janet Lujan and Katie Bredeen observe a display Nov. 21 during the Women of the Air Force event sponsored by the JBSA-Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club at the JBSA-Randolph Parr Club.

came a de facto expert on post-WWII military attire as his collection grew, especially on items associated with

Women in the Air Force, a program that brought women into limited roles in the Air Force from 1948 to 1976.

"People don't seem to talk about women's uniforms as much as men's, so this was an important look at the past for many of us," Kim Kublie, JBSA-Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club president, said.

In the early 1950s, blue skirts replaced the brown- and tan- colored ones supplied by the Army, and during the 1960s and 1970s, women's uniforms began to adapt with changing societal norms – skirt lengths were shortened, female fatigues were introduced and new footwear replaced the unpopular "granny shoes," Shultz said.

Sporting a blue and white pinstriped uniform with white gloves, Kristine Goodfellow, JBSA-Randolph Officers' Spouses' Club member, explained the uniform she modeled was issued from 1963 to 1976 "during a period when women's military uniforms resembled those of airline stewardesses."

"Standing there and realizing the uniforms were worn by real women made me think about what their lives must have been like," she said. "Each uniform carries a story about the woman who decided to join the military – to serve her country. If we forget the ladies who came before us, we are missing a big part of our heritage."

## *Toastmaster club hones leadership skills through communication improvement*

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade

Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

For the past 55 years, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph has been hosting a club called the Toastmasters.

The JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters club is one faction of the Toastmasters International Organization, which began in 1924, dedicated to cultivating good communication and leadership skills of anyone with a desire to stand and speak up.

With clubs in approximately 122 countries, this international organization is structured to build confidence in others through speech writing and delivery, and effective communication in everyday interactions.

"This (club) helps you become a better communicator, a skill that will come in handy whether you are in the military or not," Chris Schloemer, JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters club secretary, said.

Although the club is open to anyone with base access, Deborah Arrington, JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters Club president, said they have worked with people off base who are interested in the club.

During club hours, members are not only taught to present speeches, but how to write them too, Arrington said.

"If you don't write a good speech, you (won't) deliver a good

speech," she said. "We talk about organizing well and how to get to the point. When you are a better communicator, you are a better leader. It's a confidence thing."

Along with effective coaching on how to become an improved public speaker, Toastmasters meetings can offer a fun group environment.

"I enjoy the camaraderie at the meetings," Schloemer said. "It's also neat to see someone who at first has a death grip on the podium when speaking, grow to be a good communicator."

For those with experience in front of a crowd, Arrington said Toastmasters can 'polish' pre-existing skills.

"We are all about the members and what their goals are," she said. "The best part is watching people grow."

For more information about JBSA-Randolph Toastmasters, call 652-5964; for JBSA-Lackland, call Laura Drullinger at 977-6786; and for JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, call Blake Rubie at 466-0232. For general Toastmasters information, visit <http://www.toastmasters.org/>.



**SRB LIST from P8**

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4N0X1C Aero Medical Service – Independent Duty  
Medical Technician

4N1X1C Surgical Service – Orthopedics

4P0X1 Pharmacy

4R0X1C Diagnostic Imaging – Magnetic Resonance  
Imaging

4Y0X1H Dental Hygienist

6C0X1 Contracting

7S0X1 Special Investigations

Due to recent changes in Department of Defense policy, Airmen who are in an AFSC being removed from the SRB listing will no longer have 30 days to reenlist from the date the AFSC is removed. In addition to these changes Airmen will no longer be able to request accelerated SRB payments.

For more information about SRB changes and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil>.

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# Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph News Briefs

## JBSA-Randolph temporary Main Gate closure

Access will be impacted due to warranty work on the in-ground barriers. Activities will occur in two phases:

Phase 1: The active vehicle barriers will be removed from the outbound lanes 6 a.m. Wednesday through 6 a.m. Dec. 13.

The Main Gate will be open to inbound traffic only and will travel in the inbound lanes. Traffic cones and barricades will be placed to channel traffic.

Phase 2: The active vehicle barriers will be removed from the inbound lanes 6 a.m. Dec. 13. through 6 a.m. Dec. 14. The Main Gate will be open to inbound traffic only and will travel in the outbound lanes. Traffic cones and barricades will be placed to channel traffic.

The Main Gate will be open to inbound traffic only during the closure to minimize the impact for off-base traffic. The West Gate will be manned as an alternate 24-hour entry from 6 a.m. Wednesday through 6 a.m. Dec. 14. The East Gate will remain open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Dec. 13.

## 'Jail and Bail' and bake sale

The 902nd Security Forces Squadron Booster Club will sponsor its annual "Jail and Bail" event, previously known as "Santa Lock-up," from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the security forces training center, building 205. Baked goods will also be available for purchase during the event. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Scott Mellot at 652-1647 or Senior Airman Addicus Niland at 652-5563.

## Cookie drive volunteers needed

The Annual Airman's Cookie Drive is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday. The cookie committee is seeking volunteers to bake cookies and bring sandwich-size plastic storage bags or small plastic containers and drop them off at the Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Taj Mahal conference room, room 202. For those wanting to donate cookies, reserved parking will be available from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in front of the JBSA-Randolph Taj Mahal. The cookies will be distributed during the JBSA-Randolph's Single Airman's Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. For more information call Col. Christine Erlewine or Anita Carrasco at 652-1205.

## 2013 Toys for Tots

The annual Toys for Tots drive continues through Dec. 17. Collection boxes are located at the Exchange main entrance and various organizations at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Barrett Magee at 652-0891 or barrett.magee@us.af.mil.

## JBSA-Randolph clinic town hall

The Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Clinic is scheduled to host a Town Hall meeting 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the JBSA-Randolph Religious Activity Center near the Rambler Fitness Center pool. During the meeting, attendees can expect clinic services update information and their questions, concerns or suggestions addressed. For more information call 652-0584.

## JBSA-Randolph holiday gate hours

Main Gate: 24/7 (open)

East Gate: Dec. 23 – Jan. 1 (closed)

West Gate: Dec. 25-26; Jan. 1 (closed)

South Gate: Dec. 25-26; Jan. 1 (closed)

## Holiday church services

### Catholic Services

Dec. 24

5:30 p.m. Catholic Vigil Mass  
(Religious Activities Center)

Dec. 25

Midnight Mass (Chapel 1)

11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass (Chapel 1)

### Protestant services

Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Traditional candlelight services (Chapel 1)

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## Straight Talk Line

Call the local Straight Talk lines for current, automated information during a natural disaster, crisis or emergency.

JBSA-Randolph: 652-7469;

JBSA-Fort Sam Houston: 466-4630;

JBSA-Lackland: 671-6397.

## Water Conservation Tips

- Avoid overseeding your lawn with winter grass. Once established, rye grass needs water every three to five days, whereas dormant Bermuda grass needs water only once a month.
- Do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.
- If the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
- Make sure your swimming pools, fountains and ponds are equipped with recirculating pumps.
- Landscape with xeriscape trees, plants and ground cover. Call your local conservation office for more information about these water-thrifty plants.

*(Source: 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron)*



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**BAND OF THE WEST from P6**

“Some of the greatest experiences I’ve had here are watching the effect music has upon people,” added Hansen. “It’s very sobering to see how the power of music lifts people’s spirits inspiring patriotism and good will.”

People attending a typical Band of the West concert can expect to hear a wide variety of music including standard concert band pieces, marches, Broadway tunes and patriotic works.

“Audience members can count on leaving a concert with their spirits renewed and refreshed, as well as with a deeper understanding of what the Air Force is doing in today’s world,” said Rider. “One of our main jobs is to reflect the excellence and professionalism that is displayed daily by every member of the Air Force.”

The band is scheduled to present their annual Holiday in Blue concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 and 7 p.m. Dec. 17 in the Bob Hope Theater located at JBSA- Lackland.

Both concerts are family-friendly and are open to people who have tickets and base access. Tickets for the concerts are free and can be picked up at the Information Tickets and Travel Offices at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Lackland and Randolph.

“For our upcoming Holiday in Blue concerts, we will have a sampling of holiday music including ‘Let it Snow’ and ‘The Christmas Song,’” said Rider. “This year’s show is geared for the young and young at heart.”



One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service members know when they do a great job, not just for poor service. It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

# Safety, health officials promote responsible driving during holidays

By Alex Salinas  
Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Public Affairs

As the holiday season is in full swing and many people celebrate it by taking vacation, travelers and others often cram onto the roadways, making them potentially dangerous places to be if drivers are not extra careful.

December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month – which raises awareness on drunken and drugged driving – and Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph health and safety officials advised drivers to keep alcohol and drugs out of their system, considering 1.2 million people were arrested for being under the influence of both in 2011, according to the FBI.

“When a person plans to drive, no alcohol is appropriate since judgment decreases once alcohol consumption begins,” Master Sgt. Jennifer Hoag, 359th Medical Operations Squadron Mental Health Flight superintendent, said.

In 2004, the Air Force developed the 0-0-

1-3 program: zero underage drinking offenses, zero drinking and driving incidents (DUIs), one drink per hour and three drinks per evening – even at house parties.

But most importantly, “if members plan to drive, zero drinks,” Tech. Sgt. Cathy Zimmerman, 502nd Air Base Wing ground safety technician, said. “If they are going out in a group or to meet a group, the \$30 or so for a cab is a lot cheaper than thousands of dollars or even possibly the life they could lose in choosing to drink and drive.”

The Air Force implements a zero tolerance policy for alcohol/drug intake and driving because “it is a preventable issue when individuals have plans in place,” Hoag said.

Drugged driving includes driving under the influence of over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs or narcotics.

Research shows that drugs, even those prescribed by a physician, can impair perception, judgment, motor skills and memory, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Additionally, alcohol and drug abuse is not

corralled to a specific age group, Hoag said, so stopping it from happening may come down to having a strong support system via being a good wingman.

“The wingman concept should not be focused on preventing negative consequences, but to actually promoting more healthy behaviors and lifestyles,” she said. “If an individual focuses on maintaining a healthy lifestyle, then driving impaired and other negative behaviors will not be an issue.”

“Be there to look out for one another, to essentially have each other’s back,” Zimmerman said. “No amount of alcohol or drugs is worth losing a career or a life over.”

To eliminate DUI/DWI in the local area, JBSA operates Armed Forces Against Drunk Driving, which is a volunteer-driven service that provides free rides home to all Department of Defense ID cardholders after basic information is gathered from callers.

To contact the group for more information or to sign up as a volunteer, call 309-8767 or email [afadd.jbsa@gmail.com](mailto:afadd.jbsa@gmail.com).

## Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph *Sports* **BRIEFS**

### Runners go indoors

The JBSA-Randolph Fitness Center hosts an indoor marathon, where participants complete 26.2 miles running or walking within one week, Monday through Dec. 13. Participants may pick up their mileage logs at the front desk. For more information, call 652-7263.

### Junior golf classes

The JBSA-Randolph Oaks Golf Course offers two five-session junior golf classes Dec. 26-28 and 30-31. The class for the 8-11 age group is 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the class for the 12-15 age group is 1-2:30 p.m. The fees are \$40 per player and include a rule book, balls and instruction by Charles Bishop. Classes are limited to 10 players. For more information, call 244-3415.

### JBSA-Camp Bullis

- Big game archery (white-tail deer) and turkey hunting is open at JBSA-Camp Bullis until Jan. 5. All DOD ID card holders are welcome to participate. For more information, call 295-7577.
- The JBSA-Camp Bullis Archery Range is open Thursday-Monday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Targets which range from 10-60 yards are available and the cost is \$3 for a daily pass or \$20 for an annual pass. For more information, call 295-7577.



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## Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph Rambler Fitness Center Holiday Hours

**Dec. 24:** 8 a.m - 4 p.m; **Dec. 25:** Closed; **Dec. 26:** 8 a.m - 4 p.m; **Dec. 27:** 5 a.m - 10 p.m; **Jan. 1:** 8 a.m - 4 p.m

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# Equal Opportunity maintains harmony within Air Force

By Airman 1st Class Alexandria Slade  
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The Joint Base San Antonio Equal Opportunity office is part of a military program created to offer a smooth-working environment that facilitates mission accomplishment.

"The purpose of the Equal Opportunity office is to keep members 100 percent mission focused," Master Sgt. Tomsanna Farley, JBSA-Randolph EO superintendent, said. "If they're focused on any kind of unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment, they're not focused on their job."

EO is important because discrimination affects morale and may cost the Air Force the opportunities to employ, promote or retain many qualified employees, Sherry Blake, JBSA EO director, said. EO promotes understanding between people and creates a focused team.

"The goal of the EO office is to get complaints resolved at the lowest level," Blake said. "EO is an opportunity for employees to be heard when they feel no one else will listen."

In order to maintain harmony among the Air Force team, EO members must

provide consistent communication with commanders, regularly monitor the status of units, speak at commander's calls and visit different work centers to monitor the current environment.

"We communicate with the commanders and first sergeants to keep them abreast of what is going on in their units," Farley said. "We are the eyes and ears of these leaders."

Despite this connection, EO members hold no advisory role with the commanders on what should or should not be done in regards to administrative action for problems brought to their attention, Jerald Alexander, JBSA-Randolph EO director, added.

Due to the needed communication between unit leaders and EO, there are different approaches to handling issues in the work place for military and civilian individuals.

"For military members, we offer facilitation," she said. "Though it requires courage for both sides, we can bring the two parties together and they can sit down face-to-face."

If the situation is more serious, in which direct interaction would not be



helpful, the EO staff will notify supervision immediately with the emphasis of following the proper chain of command, Farley said.

Another difference between the civilian and military processes is that the EO office does not offer confidentiality to military members who come with complaints, Alexander said.

"Because we keep the commanders

aware of what is taking place in their units, we have to restrict confidentiality to civilians," Farley said. "We can't be the secret holders of military members who come to us."

EO provides the Air Force a diverse workforce free from unlawful discrimination and harassment with the right people for the job, regardless of race, gender or beliefs, Blake said.